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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 4 January 1968

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DD/I noted that the report of Task Force was negative. DD/I called attention to the recent replacement of the chief of the Soviet military assistance mission in Hanoi. DD/I gave a preliminary assessment of the latest KH-4 mission and discussed the presence of numerous trucks and AAA weapons in parking areas near Kunming. He speculated on the status of the launching facilities at Shuang-cheng-tzu in relation to the recent ChiCom nuclear test. Godfrey reported a new JCS order regarding air strikes in the center of Hanoi and called attention to a report ___concerning ChiCom treatment of North Vietnamese diplomats in the Chinese capital. Godfrey circulated an informal report prepared by OCI on the locations of U. S. VIPs.

DD/S discussed the possible impact on the Agency of the President's recent decisions on various restrictions designed to ease the balance of payments problem.

DD/S called attention to a recent State proposal to reduce courier pouch service. (See Action 1)

George Allen for Carver explained the significance of the statement by North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Trinh concerning negotiations.

25X1 for Warner advised of a trip by Congressman Holifield and party to the Far East.

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Bross noted the latest developments regarding the BOB proposal for a joint study of photographic satellite launch schedules.

DD/S&T informed that a BLACK SHIELD mission was conducted last night and that another is scheduled for tonight.

DD/S&T reported that a TACKLE mission has been alerted to cover the coastal area south of Shanghai.

DD/S&T noted that the studies on the OXCART/SR-71 interchange are proceeding well.

DDCI reported that tentative arrangements have been made to brief General Holloway, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, at the Agency on 12 January.

The Director asked Admiral Taylor to represent him at the forthcoming war game, EPSILON I-68.

ACTION:

1. The Director asked the DD/S to take such action as he can to maintain courier service at the present level and to report on any new developments.

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